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SUBJ: BONGO MEDIATION OFFER IN GOC-GOF DISPUTE

1. GOG PRESIDENT BONGO TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 6 THAT MEDIATION HE HAS OFFERED IN DISPUTE BETWEEN FRANCE AND CHAD IS NOW "VERY ADVANCED" AND THAT "BALL IS NOW IN CHADIAN COURT." PRESIDENT GAVE NO DETAILS OF "NEGOTIATIONS" OTHER THAN TO REMIND LISTENERS THAT HE HAD STOPPED IN NDJAMENA EN ROUTE HOME FROM PARIS VISIT LAST MONTH AND HAD SINCE SENT THREE SPECIAL MISSIONS TO CHAD (MINISTER OF EDUCATION BONGO TWICE AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS MAMIKA ONCE).

2. COMMENT: BONGO MADE CLEAR THAT HIS INTERVENTION IS LIMITED TO GOC-GOF QUARREL AND DOES NOT INVOLVE "L'AFFAIRE CLAUSTRE." GIVEN THIS LIMITATION AND CLOSE GOG-GOF TIES, BONGO MAY WELL BE ACTING AT FRENCH BEHEST AND URGING MODERATION ON MALLOUM AND HIS COLLEAGUES. FACT THAT BONGO PAID HIS FIRST VISIT TO POST-TOMBALBAYE CHAD IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING PARIS LENDS WEIGHT TO THIS HYPOTHESIS. WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER LIGHT ADDRESSEES CAN SHED ON GABONESE
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